

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 15 have been canceled. Claims 1, 5-8, 11, 16, and 21 have been amended.

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs.. The following amendments have been effected in claim 1:

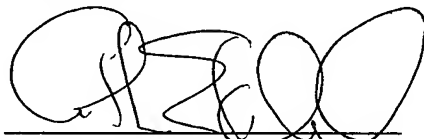
1. The "bis(aziny)" language has been omitted and Formula (1) from claim 15 is relied on to define the amine reactant;
2. The solvent is specified to be a polar aprotic organic nitrile solvent of Formula (3) in accordance with original claim 3..

The language of original claims 3, 9, 10, and 15 has been clarified in amended claims 1, 9, and 10. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his assistance in clarifying the language of the claims.

Claims 1 and 9-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sathyamoorthi (Heteroatom Chemistry 1993) in view of Chem Abs 351 (CA:50:22351). Claims 1, and 9-10 and 11-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) or alternatively under 35 U.S.C being anticipated by Hoag et al (US 6,661,023) in view of Chem Abs 351 (CA:50:22351). Claims 1 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sathyamoorthi (Heteroatom Chemistry 1993) in view of ChemAabs 351 (CA:50:22351). compounds similar to those of the instant invention.

The Examiner has not rejected claims 2-8 over the prior art. The present claim 1 incorporates the limitations of prior claim 3 as to the Formula (3) of the nitrile solvent and the limitations of prior claim 15 as to Formula 1 of the amine compound. The Section 112 rejections and the prior art rejections having been overcome, Claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom are patentable. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections and to pass the subject application to Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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